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1. IN COURSE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF PAPER ON ENERGY (REF C) FOR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING JUNE 6-8 (REF A), DEP SEC GEN ELDIN SAID PRINCIPAL CONSULTANTS FOR ENERGY STUDY WOULD BE DEFINITELY SELECTED BEFORE MINISTERIAL MEETING. PARA 10 IN DOCUMENT FOR MINISTERS WILL BE REDRAFTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. IN FOLLOW UP WITH ELDIN AFTER MEETING, WE CONFIRMED (REF B) THAT HIGH- LEVEL PART- TIME CONSULTANT WILL BE SCHNEIDER OF COLOGNE INSTITUTE OF ENERGY ECONOMICS, WHO HAS NOW ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE, AND FULL- TIME MANAGERIAL CONSULTANT WILL BE CLERKE OF UK DTI. CONTRACTS WITH BOTH SHOULD BE SIGNED BEFORE END OF MONTH.

3. ELDIN REPORTED WHAT HE HAD TOLD EX COM, THAT SEC-
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GEN DID NOT RULE OUT CONTRACTING WITH OTHER EXPERTS FOR SPECIALIST CONSULTANCIES ON MORE LIMITED BASIS. SPECIFICALLY, SEC- GEN TOLD CHARGE MAY 17 THAT HE HAD CONFERRED WITH LEVY AT BILDERBERG CONFERENCE FEW DAYS AGO, WHERE LEVY HAD MADE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION, SHOWING AWARENESS OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES REGARDING OPEC. SEC- GEN HAD SUGGESTED LIMITED CONSULTANCY ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO LEVY, AND LATTER IS AGREEABLE SERVE ON THAT BASIS. ELDIN, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT SEC- GEN WILL NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENT WITH LEVY BEFORE CLEARING PROPOSAL WITH MEMBERS OF HIGH- LEVEL GROUP OF OIL COMMITTEE.

4. WE AGAIN RAISED HOUTHAKKER'S NAME WITH ELDIN, SUGGESTING THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD AT LEAST BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM TO LEARN MORE OF STUDY IN WHICH HE IS ENGAGED. ELDIN WAS NONCOMMITTAL, HOWEVER, AND SEC- GEN TELLS US THAT, GIVEN RESPECTIVE TALENTS OF SCHNEIDER AND CLARKE, HE SEES NO ROLE FOR HOUTHAKKER, DESPITE HIS HIGH REGARD FOR HIM.
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